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SUBJ: LINHSIEN PICKLES

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1. SINCE LINHSIEN IS OPEN TO FOREIGNERS, THE BEST WAY OF
PROCURING PICKLES MAY BE FOR USLO PERSONNEL TO BUY SOME ON
THEIR NEXT VISIT TO THAT PART OF HONAN. HOWEVER, LINHSIEN
IS CONSIDERED A MODEL COUNTY, AND PRC AUTHORITIES DO NOT WISH
ITS FAME TO BE BASED ON CANCER OF THE ESOPHAGUS. IF THE
PICKLES DO NOT HAPPEN TO BE CONVENIENTLY AVAILABLE, NO HARM
WOULD BE DONE.

2. AT JULY 4TH RECEPTION, USLO OFFICER TALKED WITH DR. GEORGE
WU, HEAD OF THE PEKING INSTITUTE OF CANCER RESEARCH, ABOUT
THE LINHSIEN PROBLEM. WU SAID THAT HE FELT THAT ALTHOUGH THE
CARCINOGENIC AGENT MIGHT BE PRESENT IN PICKLES, IT MIGHT
WELL OCCUR ELSEWHERE, PERHAPS AS A NATURALLY OCCURRING
MINERAL IN LINHSIEN'S SOIL OR WATER. WOODCOCK

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